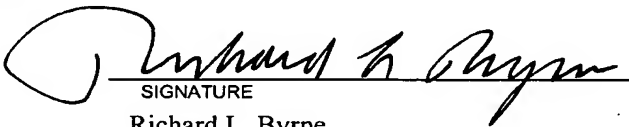


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		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>107517864</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP03/06173	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 12 June 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 14 June 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION Aminoplast Molding Compounds for Products Exhibiting an Improved Flexibility and Aminoplast Products Exhibiting an Improved.....		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Manfred RATZSCH, Markus MACHHERNDL, Peter BREITENEDER, Steffen PFEIFFER, Hartmut BUCKA et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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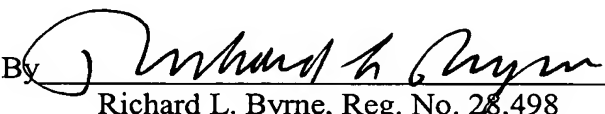
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③ Please accept the application for purposes of granting a filing date and recognize, Richard L. Byrne, Russell D. Orkin and Paul M. Reznick, Registration Nos. 28,498, 25,363 and 33,059, respectively, as attorneys in this application, pending the filing of a formal Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Kindly direct all communications relating to this application to **Richard L. Byrne**.

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